P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the Pilgrims brought to this country the custom of setting aside each year a day of prayer and thanksgiving. This custom has been perpetuated by the American people and today, as on that first Thanksgiving Day, we give thanks for our many blessings.

WHEREAS, George Washington in that presidential proclamation in 1789, did appeal to "the great Lord and ruler of nations to render our national government a blessing to all the people," and "we may then unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of our people of this country and for the single and manifold mercies and favorable interpositions of His providence."

WHEREAS, in giving thanks for the favors of the year about to close we desire to extend our thanksgiving to the Almighty that this country has not become involved in a foreign war, that the freedom of religion and education still prevails in this land of ours and that all the people have an equal voice in government.

WHEREAS, the common-purpose emphases of the three major religious faiths at Thanksgiving time are 1) The Protestant "Share Our Surplus Appeal," 2) The Catholic "The Bishops' Thanksgiving Clothing Collection," and 3) The "United Jewish Appeal," homeless, hungry and destitute people throughout the world are aided by the response of our American people evidencing their thankfulness for the abundance with which they have been blessed by a Divine Providence and for their opportunity to share with their neighbors in other lands who are in distress.

NOW, THEREFORE, I ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in keeping with the unbroken tradition of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the Twenty-third day of November, 1961, to be

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in South Dakota, to be devoted by the people of the State of South Dakota to the service of that Great and Almighty God who is the beneficent author of all of the many blessings that have been, that are, and that shall be.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 1st day of November in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty One.

ARCHIE GUBBRUD
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Paul Wiedeman
Secretary of State

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